

Appln No. 10/052,302

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

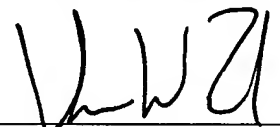
Responsive to requirement for restriction mailed November 13, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Species I. Claims to Species I, as identified by the Examiner, include claims 1-37 and 64-66.

Although Applicants are selecting at this time to prosecute the claims of Species I, Applicant reserve the right to prosecute the claims of Species II in a separate divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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